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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 307 (Cassis)

Senate Bill 307 would require the board of a school district or intermediate school district to adopt and implement a parent involvement plan. A copy of the plan is to be provided to the parent of legal guardian of every pupil in the district. The Department of Education would post model plans on their web site.

- **SB 307 passed [RC 570: 36 yes, 0 no].**

SB 840 (Stamas)

SB 841 (Kuipers)

Senate Bill 840 would create the Office of Small Business Czar with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The small business czar would be required to, among other things, devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of small business jobs. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation opposes this bill because there is currently a Small Business Ombudsman within the MEDC that performs many of the same functions for small businesses in the state.

- **SB 840 passed [RC 571: 22 yes, 14 no (DEMS)]. Senate DEMOCRATS: This is government waste and added bureaucracy, since the state already has a similar position in the government.**

Senate Bill 841 would create the Office of Manufacturing Czar within the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The manufacturing czar would be required to, among other things, devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs in this state. The MEDC, which recently hired a new CEO, Don Jakeway, whose role is to act as the “manufacturing czar” to promote manufacturing in the state, opposes this bill.

- **SB 841 passed [RC 572: 22 yes, 14 no (DEMS)].**

THIRD READING

SB 193 (Patterson)

Senate Bill 193 would require the Secretary of State to develop a State-sponsored Ducks Unlimited fund-raising registration plate; and require service fees collected for the plate to be credited to the Michigan Chapter of

Ducks Unlimited for the protection, enhancement, and acquisition of wetlands and associated uplands in this State.

Opposed: Secretary of State.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was defeated [no RC].
- Patterson 2 (S-3) was adopted [no RC].
- Patterson 2A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Technical change.
- SB 193 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 601 (SWITALSKI)

Senate Bill 601 would allow a home rule city to adopt in an ordinance an international property maintenance code by reference to the code, without publishing it in full. Generally, building, fire, electrical, and other types of codes are highly technical and lengthy. While useful for those whose work demands that they know and follow the codes, publication of codes in their entirety is of little value to the general public. For people who need to know what is in the codes, or for those who are curious, copies of the complete codes must be available for inspection at the city clerk's office. Allowing a city to adopt a code by reference, and not publish the full document, is practical and saves printing costs. The bill simply would identify another code that could be adopted by reference.

Support: Michigan Municipal League, CIS.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 601 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4454 (Hoogendyk)

HB 4472 (LIPSEY)

The bills are part of a broader effort to encourage the world's largest pharmaceutical company to maintain its Michigan business activity and employment levels. By offering an SBT credit and, with local approval, a personal property tax exemption to the pharmaceutical company, the bills could encourage Pfizer to maintain its Michigan presence. That, in turn, would assist communities in Kalamazoo County, as well as Ann Arbor and Holland, in retaining their economic foothold in the pharmaceutical industry, and would help Pfizer to expand its Michigan operations.

Support: Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce, Kalamazoo Mayor, and Southwest Michigan First.

House Bill 4454 would amend the Michigan Economic Growth Authority Act (MEGA) to make the Pfizer pharmaceutical company eligible to apply for single business tax credits available under MEGA.

- Allen 1 (1 amend) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4454 was moved to 3rd Reading.

House Bill 4472 would allow the governing body of a local tax collecting unit to adopt a resolution exempting from the collection of taxes all new personal property owned or leased by eligible pharmaceutical companies located in that local tax collecting unit. This would apply 18 months after bill took effect.

- Allen 1 (2 amends) was adopted [no RC].
- HB 4472 was moved to 3rd Reading.